



# 3PK

January 2-3, 2016

DATE

Jesus is like us, but different.

LESSON TITLE

John 2:1-11, Luke 8:22-25, Mark 4:35-41,  
Mark 2:13-17

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus is like us, but different.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids of this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

## tips

Help kids clean up their stuff. Make it fun. Tell them each to pick up 10 items—or get creative and act like a robot or something else silly while picking up.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they drew a picture of their name/themselves surrounded by snowflakes (Jesus is like us but different!)

## large group heads up

Today we're talking about how Jesus is like us and how he is different. We're going to discuss specific examples of that in small group.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up and tell kids we're going to hear about how Jesus was like us...and how he was different. Have kids sit down and stand up if you say something that they do:
  - Play with his friends
  - Take naps
  - Go to parties
  - Pick your nose
  - Play games
  - Help your family with chores
  - Climb trees
  - Play outside
  - Let kids come up with ideas!

*Before you go in, remember we have to be (Shhh!) quiet in Large Group. Then practice that together!*



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) recognize ways Jesus was like us and (2) recognize ways he was different.

**Why?** This concept will build the foundation for when they learn why Jesus was different: He was 100% man and 100% God.

**Tip:** Make today's RELATE/APPLY questions into a game. Suggestions on how to do that are given below, but feel free to get creative and find the best way to engage your group.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. What are some ways Jesus was like us? (Take a couple of answers. Then say, "If you've ever \_\_\_\_\_, give me a thumbs up. If Jesus ever \_\_\_\_\_, give me double thumbs up.") Use the examples from Connect Time, and feel free to add your own:
  - a. played with his friends
  - b. took naps
  - c. went to parties
  - d. picked his nose
  - e. played games
  - f. help his family with chores
  - g. climbed trees
  - h. played outside
2. How was Jesus different? (he never made a bad choice; he was perfect; he always followed God)

### RELATE/APPLY THE STORY

Let's talk about how you can be like Jesus this week! Give me a thumbs up if this is something Jesus would do, and thumbs down if it isn't (can have kids stand and sit or hop backwards and forwards if you have an active group). Say "Could you..."

- a. Go to a party? (yes)
- b. Hurt your brother or sister? (no)
- c. Take a nap? (yes)
- d. Give a friend a hug? (yes)
- e. Share your toys? (yes)
- f. Yell at your mom (no)

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- g. Go potty? (yes)
  - h. Disobey your parents? (no)
  - i. Play outside? (yes)
  - j. Take a bath? (yes)
  - k. Call a friend a mean name? (no)
  - l. Color a picture? (yes)
3. How do YOU want to be like Jesus this week? (Let kids respond)

### DIG DEEPER

We're going to make something to remember that Jesus was like us, but different.

- Give each kid a piece of **paper**.
- Have them draw/write their name in the middle.
- Give kids the **snowflake stamps** (you may have to help).
- Let them decorate their papers.
- As they work, have them repeat to you, "Jesus is like me, but different!" Have them tell a friend, "Jesus is like you, but different!"
- Show them how snowflakes look alike, but different.

*\*Then give kids a coloring page and have them color each snowflake a different color. Still have extra time? Try out this game to keep kids engaged until their parents arrive:*

### CRAZY PARADE

Walk around the room in a variety of ways:

- on your heels
- on your toes
- forward
- backwards
- quickly
- slowly
- left
- right
- standing tall
- bent over
- arms in front
- arms behind
- hands on head
- hands on toes
- with a partner
- in a curved line
- etc.!

You can lead or choose kids to be leaders. To mix things up, add music.



# LARGE group

## special notes

Take a few extra minutes to learn the words and motions to the songs ahead of time—it'll make a much better experience for the kids!

## presenter tips

Kids love to be heard! Try taking your mic off your head/shirt...and walk around and let kids give answers into your mic.

## script

**Presenter:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS.

**Video:** *HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears* (about 1 minute)

### REVIEW

**Presenter:** (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. A snake tricked the first two people, Adam and Eve, into thinking they didn't need to trust or obey God. So Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. We've been talking about that KING and Rescuer. His name is....(Let kids say: Jesus!) Yes, Jesus!

### JESUS WAS LIKE US

But here's the really crazy thing, even though Jesus was a king...he came as a brand new baby (**hold up doll**). You guys probably don't remember being babies, but you had to get your diapers changed and learn to walk and talk. And so did Jesus. Like us, he had to eat food and even go to the bathroom. That sounds strange, but he was a person, just like us!

We're going to watch a video that shows us some ways that Jesus is like us. As you watch, see if you can find ONE thing Jesus did...that YOU do, too!



## script continued

**Video: *God's Story / Jesus*** (about 4 minutes)

Did you guys see anything Jesus did that you do? (Let kids respond—*take 2-6 answers, depending group size and service.* Some responses might be: 1. played with his friends, 2. took naps, 3. celebrated, 4. went to parties, 5. picked his nose, 6. played games, 7. helped his mom with chores, 8. played with his brothers and sisters, 9. climbed trees, 10. played outside, etc. Guide kids toward those answers.) Yes, Jesus did ALL those things!

He probably did other stuff, too. Like skin his knee and get “boo boos”, take a bath to clean himself, or learn to run and skip and jump! There are lots and lots of ways that Jesus was just like US!

### **JESUS WAS DIFFERENT**

But you know what? Jesus was different, too. Even though he was a person, he was also God's Son, the king. He was perfect. He never, ever, EVER disobeyed. He never hurt anybody else. He was never mean to others.

Jesus ALWAYS loved others, shared his stuff, helped others, and followed God. And the great news is we can be like Jesus if we want to follow God like he did! Let's pray and thank Jesus for showing us how to follow God. (Pray, breaking the prayer into smaller, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks that Jesus was like us! Thanks that Jesus was different! A-men!

Now we're going to sing a brand new song about how we can follow Jesus. We can do the motions the character in the video is doing. Ready? Stand up and let's sing!

### **Song: *Boss of Me***

Now let's sing a fun one about how Jesus loves us! Whether we're sad or happy, silly or crazy, a guy or a lady—we can all love Jesus back and be like him. So let's sing!

### **Music Video: *Jesus Loves Me***

#### **Extra Video: *Deep and Wide***

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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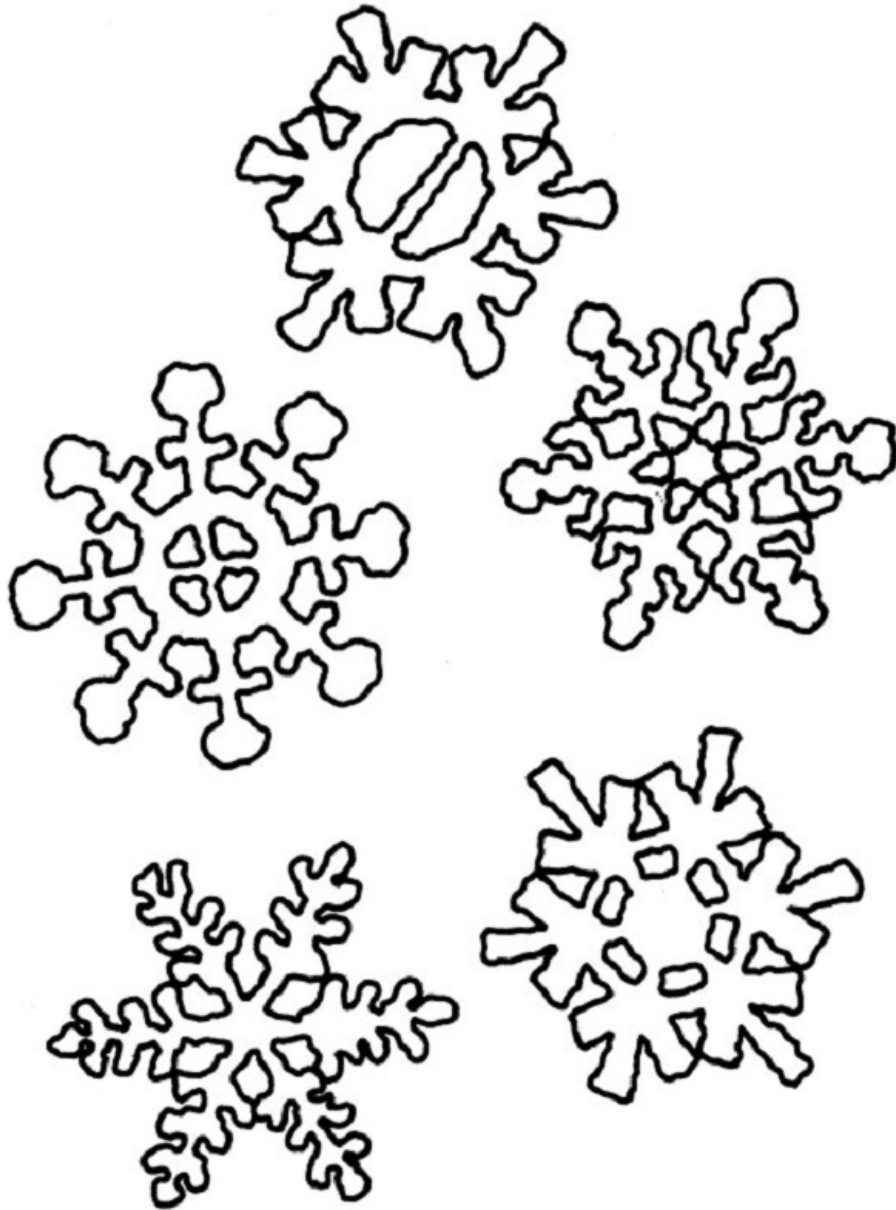




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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

“Could You” Game- No supplies needed

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## small group supplies

### Per kid

Coloring page  
1 sheet of white paper

### Per Group

6-12 snowflake stampers per room for kids to share (OT: IN-4/1638)  
Markers

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## large group supplies

Bible  
Jesus baby doll

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS 3 (Put On Your Listening Ears); <https://vimeo.com/67408013>
3. Video: God’s Story / Jesus
4. Song: Boss of Me <https://vimeo.com/30271655>
5. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions) <https://vimeo.com/118151941>
6. Song: Deep and Wide <https://vimeo.com/44164426>

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## connect questions

How was Jesus like us?  
How was Jesus different?

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